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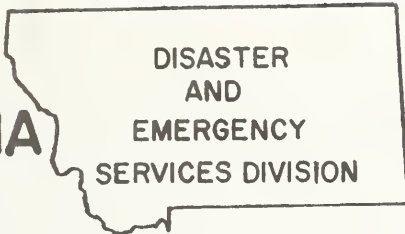
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As we turn and gaze upon that Star,
Let us ponder a moment, where'er we are,

And remember our friends in the light of that glow,
Who devote their lives, as best they know.

"Preparedness" and "Response" is their chosen career,
As they practice the Spirit of Christmas throughout the year.

To each of you, we would like to say,
How "GREAT" it's been, working with you - each day!



BEST WISHES FOR THE COMING NEW YEAR...

All the Staff
Montana State Disaster & Emergency Services



ADMINISTRATOR'S MESSAGE

As we begin this New Year, let me share with you some thoughts and comments:

Many times we feel the winter months are times of inactivity as far as disaster threats are concerned. In January, 1974, six counties in northwestern Montana received a Presidential Declaration as a result of unseasonal rain. Last month large areas of North Dakota were left without electricity, some areas for days, as a result of winter storms and sleet. Fires and inadequate ventilation are other threats reasonably expected in sub-zero weather. Our capability to react because of winter conditions may require a separate look at our plans. These are in addition to our normal blizzard threats which we learn to live with, and of course, the ever present threat of a nuclear exchange--ARE YOU PREPARED??

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Beginning with this issue, we are mailing this Newsletter to all State Legislators. It is my thoughts that they may be interested in what we do, our problems and our accomplishments. In a low visibility, with a small agency such as ours, it is difficult to show our worth without any disasters, which we don't need. But what we do need is some level of a disaster preparedness program.

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During the last quarter, I have been fortunate to have been invited to participate in two seminars sponsored by the National Science Foundation. One on Earthquakes, coordinated by the Council of State Governments at the University of Colorado in Boulder. In attendance were six State Disaster Preparedness Officers, in addition to members of the scientific and research community from the Federal Government and various Universities. Also present were selected representatives from State Government in land use planning and Attorney General's Offices. More information on this seminar will be forthcoming. However, let me say that the scientific world cannot foresee when they can be able to predict earthquakes.

The second seminar on Drought Research Needs was coordinated by the Colorado State University and was held on their campus in Fort Collins. In attendance were selected representatives from the scientific world, agriculture, water users, conservationists and State Drought Coordinators. Also, fourteen foreign nations were represented. Its purpose, as indicated by the title, was to identify areas needed for additional research for drought prediction, mitigation, response and recovery.

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I have received many comments, pro and con, on combining the Governor's Conference on Civil Defense with the Advanced Seminar to be held in Helena.

Two reasons pro are time and money. Many of you have difficulty, time wise, in getting over to Helena often. Also by combining the conference with a seminar, we can pay, out of contract funds, mileage and per diem to Directors. In the past, we have had to rely on uncertain P & A funds and county budgets. I hope this works out. The only way that it can is if YOU attend.

NUCLEAR CIVIL PROTECTION PLANNING (NCP)

by Lloyd Meyer, Chief Planner

There is a revival of interest in "survival in this nuclear age". This is encouraging; for it is interest without undue concern or reluctance to discuss even the possibility of nuclear conflict. It is a rational and sensible approach to an unpalatable subject.

From about 1962 to 1976, we were pretty much pre-occupied with a far-away, nasty "little" war (which thank heavens didn't escalate to nuclear proportions) and we hoped, when we closed the book on that one, that we wouldn't have to worry about war for maybe a generation or so.

Now, however, we're learning that our old nemesis, the U.S.S.R., apparently took advantage of our Vietnam pre-occupation (and we suspect of more recent SALT "agreements") to make certain that we don't spend all of our best efforts on peaceful living and improving the lives of others.

Recently, at Professor Chessen's request, C.L. Gilbertson and L.F. Meyer spent an interesting hour with a class at the University of Montana, discussing the stark realities of existing imbalances in offense and defense vis-a'-vis the United States and the U.S.S.R., and discussing planning efforts underway to shelter threatened populations or to relocate them away from "at-risk" areas.

A serious group of students and faculty listened to a sobering subject, and asked earnest questions--not all of which have neat and easy answers.

We are encouraged by this kind of response!

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Remember seeing these?

"Where To Go If N-bombs Fly" (Billings Gazette)

"Helena, A Refugee Haven In Case Of Atomic Attack" (Helena Independent Record)

"In Case Butte's Bombed, Go To Dillon Or Bozeman" (MT Standard-Butte Daily Post)

"Nuclear Defense Plan Outlined" (The Missoulian)

In October, headlines such as these, were flying across the State as a result of an interview given by C.L. Gilbertson, Administrator and Lloyd Meyer, Chief NCP Planner.

If you ever doubted that people were interested in "nuclear" defense...look again! When it concerns their "home stamping grounds", they're more than willing to listen.

So get in there, and let them know what's happening in your community!

NCP PLANNING (continued)

NCP PLANNING - WHERE ARE WE?

Under the FY77 DCPA Planning Contract, Part II end items were recently forwarded to Region Six where they were reviewed and approved - with minor revisions. (Part II Planning Reports include population allocations from risk to host counties, and drafts of Emergency Public Information packets for risk county residents.)

The FY78 Contract Work on Part III is underway and involves updating host counties' Crisis Relocation Plans and revising or updating In-Place plans (CSP) for those counties.

State NCP Planners have begun visits to host counties in planning for the relocation of evacuees from the Great Falls risk conglomerate. (A "conglomerate" is a term used to describe an area of risk; the Great Falls conglomerate takes in counties at risk due to the Minuteman missile complex.) Contingency planning for crisis relocation has already begun in Flathead and Missoula counties. Other counties that will be involved in Host Area Planning in this year's contract are Glacier and Hill counties.

RECAP OF EXCESS PROPERTY ALLOCATIONS

(October, November & December 1977)

Madison County.....	Jeep
Deer Lodge County.....	Jeep
Fergus County.....	3/4 ton 4x4
Wibaux County.....	Truck Tractor
Pondera County.....	Jeeps (2)
McCone County.....	Jeeps (3)
McCone County.....	3/4 ton 4x4....*Transferred
Pondera County.....	2½ ton 6x6....*Transferred
Lewis & Clark County.....	Tank Truck
Judith Basin County.....	3/4 ton trucks (2)
Lake County.....	3/4 ton trucks (2)
Park County.....	3/4 ton truck
Yellowstone County.....	3/4 ton ambulance

*Denotes property transferred from one political subdivision to another.

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT ATTENDS DISASTER CONFERENCE

Mr. Keith Colbo, Executive Assistant to Governor Thomas L. Judge accompanied Mr. C.L. Gilbertson, Administrator and Mr. Jim Anderson, Natural Disaster Preparedness Planner for the Disaster & Emergency Services Division to a Regional Disaster Preparedness Conference sponsored by the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration (FDAA), in Denver, Colorado on December 8, 1977.

Topics of discussion included Federal/State relationships during disasters and the changes in current regulations. The conference was well attended by Governor's representatives and State Disaster & Emergency Services personnel from North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado & Utah.

RADEF NEWS

One item of primary importance is the fact that Roy Ryan, who has been one of our calibration technicians for over seven years, has been promoted. Effective December 5, 1977, Roy took over the duties as Assistant Training & Operations Officer working with George DeWolf.

A replacement has not yet been made for his position.

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Jim Brown, Calibration & Maintenance Technician, will soon be contacting the directors concerned to finalize time, meeting place and subject matter for the following scheduled courses. Any other persons interested in attending classes in any of these locations, please contact us for more information.

RADEF INSTRUMENT and/or HAZARDOUS MATERIAL AWARENESS COURSES

<u>JANUARY, 1978</u>		<u>FEBRUARY (continued)</u>	
16th	Liberty County Chester @ 7:30 p.m.	9th	Jefferson County Whitehall @ 7:30 p.m.
17th	Pondera County Conrad @ 7:30 p.m.	21st	Chouteau County Ft. Benton - Carter @ 7:30 p.m.
18th	Glacier County Cut Bank @ 1:00 p.m.	22nd	Chouteau County Big Sandy @ 7:30 p.m.
19th	Teton County Pendroy @ 7:30 p.m.	23rd	Chouteau County Geraldine @ 7:30 p.m.
<u>FEBRUARY, 1978</u>		<u>MARCH, 1978</u>	
6th	Silver Bow County Butte @ 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	6th	Big Horn County
7th	Silver Bow County Butte @ 1:30 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.	7th	Yellowstone County
8th	Beaverhead County Dillon @ 7:30 p.m.	8th	Yellowstone County
		9th	Stillwater County

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A Radiological Defense Officer's Basic Course (RDO) will be held at the Yellowstone Motor Inn, Livingston, Montana, March 20-24, 1978.

A block of rooms at the special rate of \$14.50 per night (single) has been set aside. Students must be prepared to pay for their own lodging, meals, and transportation. Participants will be reimbursed according to State travel regulations, within two weeks following the seminar.

Please contact your District Coordinators concerning possible applicants for the class. Remember, the local RDO is the keystone of your radiological readiness. You need the help of a competent, systems-oriented RDO in order to develop and maintain a viable radiological defense system in your jurisdiction.

REGION SIX - PHASE I & II

JUST A REMINDER - FY78 Regional Phase Course Schedule:

PHASE I.....Colorado Springs, CO.....March 7-17, 1978

PHASE II.....Colorado Springs, CO.....May 8-19, 1978

PHASE II.....Kansas City, MO.....Jul 17-28, 1978

Travel and per diem expenses for attendance at the Phase Courses held within the Region are reimbursed "in full".

If you plan on attending one of these courses, please get your requests in as soon as possible...enrollment is limited.

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Carl H. King of the Blaine County Civil Defense Office has just returned from the Regional Phase I Class held in Kansas City, Mo. from November 8-18, 1977. In a letter to the Regional Director, King states, "Being in this program only five months, I cannot say enough about the course, the way it was conducted, the very capable instructors, etc.

I came away with a far better understanding of the Civil Defense Program. The information was presented at the school in a way that everyone gained valuable knowledge of the subject.

Last, but not least, I feel that now I am better prepared to carry out my duties as coordinator for Blaine County, Montana."

C.L. Gilbertson, State Administrator, was one of those instructing during this particular course.

DCPA STAFF COLLEGE

The DCPA Staff College in Battle Creek, Michigan has announced that the following courses are closed to further enrollments:

PHASE III.....February 6-17, 1978

PHASE III.....April 3-14, 1978

PHASE IV.....May 15-26, 1978

STILL OPEN FOR ENROLLMENT, but "filling up" fast are:

PHASE II.....April 17-28, 1978

PHASE III.....June 5-16, 1978

PHASE III.....August 14-25, 1978

PHASE IV.....September 18-29, 1978

Remember, attendees at Staff College courses are provided government quarters and reimbursed 50% for travel expenses and meals.

ON THE LOCAL SCENE

CASCADE COUNTY

Commissioners from Cascade County and the City of Great Falls, are showing their concern for the Nation's "Preparedness Program". Recently, both Commissions sent letters to President Carter and other National officials.

The Great Falls City Commissioner's wrote, "...we wish to bring to your attention our personal concern and those of our citizenry relative to the obvious lack of civil defense preparedness in this State and Nation.

The City of Great Falls is near the center of the missile complex that forms one portion of the 'Military Air Defense' Triad. This makes Great Falls a prime target for an aggressive military force. As such, our community has a growing concern and interest in the civil defense preparedness of our country and its ability to protect its citizens from the effects of nuclear and conventional weapons.

From our many inquiries relative to U.S. Civil Defense capabilities, it is obvious that this country has adopted a position of no civil defense and has no visible or known commitment to a change in this policy. Efforts of other nations to prepare their populace for potential nuclear or conventional attack makes us wonder why the civilian defense policy has not been re-evaluated, if for no other reason than as a further deterrent and defense position."

With the beginning of "Fuedal Brave 78-2", a NORAD exercise designed to test the ability of our military to respond to an attack, the Cascade County Commissioners supported the Great Falls City Commissioners with a letter stating, "According to NORAD leaders, Malmstrom Air Force Base is the 'back up' in the event Cheyenne Mountain is destroyed. The lack of any nuclear protection at Malmstrom is not considered a factor as an aircraft containing the Commanding Officer and his staff can be airborne in a matter of minutes.

But what of the several hundred thousand of us living in and around the Missile Complex who cannot enjoy this rapid exit?

Reliance on Mutual Deterrence as the only source of protection for our civilian population does not seem in the best interests of our survival. The military has contingency plans in the event our Mutual Assured Destruction policy fails. Fuedal Brave 78-2 is evidence of these plans.

There are no such plans for the civilian population or else we would have a shelter system capable of offering at least a reasonable hope of survival to those who might live through a nuclear exchange."

To follow up their letters to the President and other officials, a three man "working committee" which includes William Murray, Local C.D. Director, has been established. Their purpose...to come up with an "Unpreparedness Program" to bring their concerns to the American public.

Supported by the Cascade County Commissioners, the City Commissioners have said that if this committee can come up with some "nationally known" speakers, they will take this as an expression of interest and really get behind a week of discussion of the situation.

CASCADE COUNTY (continued)

"The central issue we hope to address is the lack of shelter, and not the motives, capabilities or personalities of the officials involved," Murray says. "... our goal is an open discussion of the present federal policy, and not a 'true confession' session where we can lay the blame at anyone's doorstep".

FLATHEAD COUNTY

Kim Potter, Director, Flathead County Disaster & Emergency Services, has announced the publication of a new eighteen page "County Communications Manual". The Manual contains sections on etiquette, radio operation, call sign assignment and the police "TEN" code. The manual was produced as a joint effort of Flathead County D.E.S., the Sheriff's Department and Flathead County Search & Rescue.

GALLATIN COUNTY

In November, Hank Wruck, County Civil Defense Director, described the conditions one could expect to encounter immediately after a disaster during a "Disaster Survival Program" sponsored by the Gallatin County Extension Homemakers for the public.

Object of the program was to present the conditions one might expect in the initial phases of a disaster; the precautions, knowledge, and supplies one should have on hand.

Wruck also discussed the assistance one could expect from county, state and federal agencies and what one should expect to do for oneself.

Dr. John Montagne, Montana State University geologist, laid the groundwork with a presentation on the geology of the area and the natural disasters which might happen in that location. In particular, he discussed the earthquake faults underlying the area; the two earth-filled dams above the valley; the dry Gallatin Canyon waiting for a spark to ignite it; and blizzards.

MINERAL COUNTY

After meeting with the Mineral County Commissioners, John Jackman, Mineral County Director and Bill Thomas, State District Coordinator attended a Red Cross meeting with Bob Richards, DCPA's new Red Cross liaison. Bob Hite, Regional Field Officer from DCPA, Denver, along with Bob Kistner, Montana's new assistant RFO were in Western Montana for a 2 day orientation session and were also in attendance.

IT'S "DUES" TIME AGAIN

Florence Anderson, Treasurer of the Montana Civil Defense Director's Association has requested local Directors to please..."bring your County Claim blanks to the Advanced Seminar", so that association dues, including U.S.C.D.C can be handled.

ROOSEVELT COUNTY

Roosevelt County Civil Defense, directed by LaVern Wiens, recently changed its name to the "Roosevelt County Division of Disaster & Emergency Services". They join several other counties who have initiated name changes to coincide with that given to the State Office with passage of the "Montana Disaster Act of 1977".

It would be of great assistance, if each of you would take the time to inform the State Office as to whether or not you have, intend to, or are not expecting to make the change from "Civil Defense" to "Disaster & Emergency Services".

Right now, we're not certain just how to address correspondence!

WELCOME ABOARD

New Director.....Darold L. Zimmer.....Powder River County

MONTANA CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR'S ASSOCIATION

by Jim Kraft, President

Annual meeting of the Association will be held on February 15, 1977, immediately following the conclusion of the Governor's Conference. PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!!

Tentative agenda items include: by-law changes, election of officers, and Region Six Conference in Livingston.

An Association banquet is in the mill for the 16th. If all works out, we'll have some fun and games along with an officer installation ceremony.

SEMINAR FOR NEW DIRECTORS

Helena will be the site of an upcoming seminar designed to welcome and introduce new civil defense personnel to our program. During the three day session (January 11-13, 1978), members of the State Staff assisted by our DCPA Regional Field Officers (Bob Hite and Bob Kistner) will cover a wide variety of subjects. Ten directors and/or deputy directors are expected to attend.

UNITED STATES CIVIL DEFENSE COUNCIL (USCDC)

REGIONAL: Region Six USCDC Conference is scheduled for June 19-21, 1978 at the Yellowstone Motor Inn in Livingston, Montana.

NATIONAL: The USCDC Mid-year conference is scheduled for March 12-15, 1978 at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington, D.C.

RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDITS...

Students completing Career Development Phase Courses at Battle Creek have the option of obtaining college credit through a cooperative agreement with Michigan Technological University (MTU). Information brochures and enrollment forms are made available to the student at the course site.

In addition, students may also receive college credit for completing the following "home study" courses:

Civil Defense, U.S.A.....	1 credit
Introduction to Radiological Monitoring.....	1 credit
Civil Defense Director/Coordinator.....	1 credit

Enrollment in the MTU program is optional on the part of the student. If you are interested in learning more about earning college credits for the home study course, contact your District Coordinator for an enrollment brochure. An enrollment fee of five dollars per credit hour is required.

NOTE: The home study course "Introduction to Radiological Monitoring" is now being handled "directly" from the State Office. We have all the course materials including tests, answers and diplomas.

1975 FLOOD UPDATE

In June, 1975, fourteen Montana counties received a Presidential Declaration of a "major disaster" as a result of severe flooding. This declaration made available federal dollars for rehabilitation of flood damaged roads, bridges, irrigation systems, sewer systems, etc..

As of January 1, 1978, \$1,906,877.00 federal dollars have been dispersed to fifty-one entities through the State Disaster & Emergency Services Division. Pending final audit, there is still some \$350,000.00 to be dispersed to seven entities. Barring no unexpected delays, the paperwork and final payments should be completed within the next two or three months.

EARTHQUAKE HAZARDS REDUCTION

On October 7, 1977, President Carter signed the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977 (PL 95-124). Under this act the President will designate a federal department, agency or interagency group to have primary responsibility for the development and implementation of a comprehensive earthquake hazards reduction program.

The program has among its stated objectives:

1. the development of design and construction methods to make structures earthquake resistant;
2. the implementation of a system for predicting damaging earthquakes and for identifying seismic hazards;
3. the development and promotion of model codes; and
4. the development of improved understanding of earthquake-related issues, e.g., disseminating warnings of earthquakes and planning for reconstruction.

EMERGENCY PASS SYSTEM

The following article is reprinted from the "Minnesota NEWSLETTER". It may be of interest...

"On May 11, 1977, at about 5:30 p.m., two side-by-side grain elevators burned in the midst of a residential area of St. Louis Park. Homes and equipment buildings, and a few commercial establishments within about a 7-block radius of the fire were evacuated. Many persons could not return at all that night. Police action was very affirmative: traffic was routed around the area, spectators were kept away and the area was cordoned off. After the evacuation, only uniformed firemen, policemen and city employees with I.D.s (such as service employees, who brought gasoline for the fire trucks, squads, etc.) were allowed inside the area.

At about 3:00 a.m., the fire was declared under control. Walter Halstead, the Hennepin County Civil Defense Director, who had been present throughout the conflagration, brought in the kit of emergency passes, at the request of the City of St. Louis Park. Lt. Morris initiated the procedure for issuing the passes at the command post on the scene.

Residents with identification were issued passes (approximately 200 of them) and four Government officials who did not have ready identification, were also issued passes. Looting was totally averted. Police patrols checked all persons entering the area for the next three days, when all was returned to normal, except for salvage operations at the still-smoldering elevators.

Official evaluation of the operation was that it was highly successful. A high level of cooperation was achieved. Sightseers could not hamper fire-fighting services and potential problems were eliminated.

MISCELLANEOUS PASS	
No. _____ C	
NAME _____	
ADDRESS _____	
Driver License No. _____	
BEARER HAS PERMISSION TO ENTER RESTRICTED AREA FOR WORK PURPOSES	
(Area, Zone, or Street Loc.) EFFECTIVE FROM:	
Date _____	Hour _____
To _____	Hour _____
BEARER MUST WEAR TAG AT ALL TIMES WHEN IN RESTRICTED AREA	
Group Worker is Affiliated With _____	
Date of Issuance _____	
Issuing Authority _____	

A generous turnout of manpower for enforcement purposes was available and the pass system seemed to be efficient, workable and valuable. All items necessary for implementation were present in the kit, and we highly recommend its use when conditions call for it."

NOTE: There are four types of passes and color-coded as follows:

White.....Resident Pass

Pink.....Medical Pass

Green.....Government Official's Pass
(not uniformed)

Yellow.....Miscellaneous Pass (for
rescue and other workers)

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The annual "Governor's Conference" will be held on February 15, 1978 at the Colonial Inn in Helena. This year's program will feature Clifford E. McLain, Deputy Director of the Defense Civil Preparedness Agency from Washington, D.C. along with Mr. Karl V. Steinbrugge, one of the world's leading "earthquake specialists" from California.

Other highlights will include: C.L. Gilbertson, Administrator, Montana D.E.S.; John J. Womack, Montana's Adjutant General; David G. Harrison, Director, DCPA, Region Six, Denver; Donald G. Eddy, Director, FDAA, Region Eight, Denver; and Robert N. Richards, DCPA's Red Cross Liaison Officer.

Governor Thomas L. Judge is slated as the luncheon speaker.

After what we hope to be a very interesting and enlightening day, C.L. Gilbertson and the Montana State D.E.S. staff will again host a banquet at the Fort Harrison Service Club that evening.

"FLASH FLOOD WARNING RECOMMENDATIONS..."

The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, Denver, Colorado, has prepared an excellent, 18-page manual titled "Flash Flood Warning Recommendations for Front Range Communities". The report was prepared to assist local governments in the formulation and implementation of flash flood warning plans. The report contains lists of pre-flood activities, ideas on ways to disseminate warning, sample flash flood warning messages, and other practical and useable information.

This report is available free of charge from:

Urban Drainage and Flood Control District 69
Suite 156B
2480 W. 26th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80211

Counties with a history of major flooding (Cascade, Flathead, Glacier, Lewis & Clark, Lincoln, Missoula, Pondera, Ravalli, Sanders, Teton, Musselshell and Yellowstone) are especially encouraged to get a copy, although every Montana county is subject to some degree of flash flooding.

STATE OFFICE PERSONNEL CHANGES

Resignations:

Glenn Black--Asst. Training & Operations Officer.....effective 10/16/77
Marilyn Polich--Secretary.....effective 11/25/77

New Employees:

Lenore Crenshaw--Secretary.....effective 11/30/77

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE AND COMBINED ADVANCED SEMINAR

As was decided at the October meeting of the Montana Civil Defense Director's Association, this spring's "Advanced Seminar" will be held in conjunction with our annual "Governor's Conference for County Commissioners on Civil Defense".

The meeting for the Governor's Conference will be held at the Colonial Inn in Helena, which will be considered the "first" day of the Advanced Seminar for local directors and/or staff. However, the next "two" days of the Advanced Seminar will be held at the Travelodge Motel in downtown Helena. Confusing?? We certainly hope not!

We suggest that all participants in the Advanced Seminar stay at the Travelodge Motel, since we have been able to obtain a special rate of \$18.00 per night (single), whereas the Colonial's rates are much higher. The \$18.00 per night rate is the maximum reimbursement allowed per State travel regulations, so those staying at the Colonial will not receive reimbursement for the additional cost.

Reservation cards and additional information will be sent directly to each director.

"HOPE TO SEE YOU IN HELENA...February 15, 16 & 17, 1978"

WARNEX 78-1

The first warning exercise of 1978, WARNEX 78-1, will be held on March 8, 1978 (changed from March 7). Checkerboard will be at 0915 hours, Mountain Time, Termination of Checkerboard at 1000 hours, and Fadeout at 1045 hours. Times indicated will be announced in advance to local government and NAWAS warning points. The date and time will coincide with the Spring NWS severe weather exercise.

The exercise will be essentially the same as previous WARNEX exercises and will include Public Information and Emergency Public Information materials to be inputted by the local director. There will be no communications play as in WARNEX 77-2 from the Regional level.

Exercise materials will be sent directly from DCPA, Region Six to you at the local level.

F E P R S

On August 25, 1977, President Carter directed the Federal Emergency Preparedness and Response Study (FEPRS) to be made. The purpose was to study the Federal Government's role in preparing for and responding to natural, accidental and war-time civil disasters. And to also make recommendations to the President on possible options for the Federal level reorganization in early 1978.

Action on Federal legislation, with the exception of the Brinkley Bill (which has had committee hearings) is being delayed, awaiting outcome of this study and the President's subsequent actions.

